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### REMEMBER THIS.

The Philadelphia Record makes a prediction which ought to be preserved for reference. Here it is: "Congress will soon act. The hardships of the industrial situation will gradually disappear. The army of idlers will find renewed occupation. Tariffs reform the moment it becomes apparent that it is fairer than to test the tree by its fruits. Let Democracy stand or fall by the results of its own work."

### THE MANTLE OF GROVER.

One of the ingenious political speculations of the day professes to see an ulterior purpose in Commodore Singler's robust thumps at the Harbort Democratic machine. It is not that the commodore himself desires to profit by a change in the leadership and the methods of the present machine management. Individually, Mr. Singler is represented as having neither inclination nor time for the task of attempting a re-organization of the Democratic forces upon the basis of his personal advancement. The ultimate recipient of any benefits from such an overhauling, according to the rumor in question, is the commodore's silent partner, Robert Emory Pattison.

There is much that is plausible in the intimation that, by his unexpected aggrandizement, the governor's secretary of state has become, in some particulars at least, persona non grata to his nominal chief. When Governor Pattison invited Mr. Harbort to take the foremost place in his political cabinet, it is intimated he had no idea that this elevation would be merely a preliminary to schemes of political ambition which, in a surprisingly short time, made Harbort, and not Pattison, the foremost power in Democratic state politics. For one who labors under Governor Pattison's belief that he is a "man of destiny," it must have been peculiarly aggravating to see the acceptor of influence coaxed out of his grasp by one who, all the while, was his nominal subordinate, thus gradually but surely casting a shadow over those presidential aspirations which ever since 1882 have abided in Governor Pattison's mind.

When Mr. Cleveland, after his election in 1892, cast about for a political legatee, the personality of Governor Pattison stood out in striking prominence. He had prestige, wealth, character, social eminence and unlimited ambition. Just then the Italian hand of Mr. Harbort began its manipulations, and by slow but certain stages, the two-time Democratic governor of Pennsylvania receded into semi-obscure, and had, with questionable satisfaction, to see a subordinate rise just as steadily into power, influence and national reputation. Although there has been an outward semblance of harmony between them, it is not a disputed fact that this involuntary reversal jarred on Governor Pattison's thoughts, nor is it a wide stretching of one's credulity to believe that efforts have been begun to bring Harbort down a peg or two.

The visit of Editor Singler to Washington, his intimacy with the president, who is yet known to regard Pattison as a promising potentiality with reference to 1896, and the short, sharp and decisive proceedings that signalized Mr. Singler's return all are cited in support of this interesting hypothesis. It is further said that there is no intention of sacrificing Harbort, provided he will consent to keep within certain political bounds, and not occupy an attitude calculated to thwart Pattison's presidential hopes. But if he shall grow obstreperous, Commodore Singler is credited with the intention of adopting heroic measures, in which he will have Grover Cleveland's full permission and support.

We give the story for what it is worth. The mantle of Cleveland must fall somewhere. Why should it not descend on Governor Pattison?

NEW RAILROADS somehow flourish best in the months of frost and snow.

IT IS A PITY that Uncle Sam cannot afford to surround his new federal building with a respectable sidewalk.

ACCORDING to plausible reports it has cost William Waldorf Astor two hundred thousand dollars in one year to introduce Anglo-American journalism in London. It is a curious commentary on our institutions that wealth wrung from poverty-stricken occupants of Astor's American tenements should be at liberty thus to distribute itself in foreign extravagance. We are lenient to our alien landlords.

WHEN THE ballot thief is rated with the sneak thief or footpad, electoral reform will be here.

ACCORDING to the senate committee nobody did exactly right in Hawaii excepting Dole. (And from the administration standpoint, he was too right.)

### SNAP JUDGMENT.

It is with surprise that we perceive how ready the esteemed Reading Times is to jump on Erasmus Wiman when he is down. Our contemporary is so displeased because THE TRIBUNE counseled moderation and charity in the discussion of Mr. Wiman's misfortunes that it fails to call him names, which can certainly do no good now.

We do not know how the lifted editor of the Reading Times feels in the matter, but with us invariably excites pain and regret when a good man falls from grace. We see nothing in such a lapse to gloat over or to justify snappish comment in advance of the complete testimony. Mr. Wiman may have done everything with which he is charged, and more besides; yet for all

that, his public career has been a public advantage, and the good he has achieved will no doubt counterbalance the bad.

We do not like to condemn so able a man upon the hearsay evidence set forth in untrustworthy newspaper reports, if he be the guilty being that sensational reporters say he is, there will be time enough in which to exonerate him when the courts shall have passed upon the evidence. In any event, the tendency in many American newspapers to fawn upon success and pummel the life out of the first poor fellow who makes a misstep is not our idea of journalism's mission: and until that idea changes, we shall not engage in that kind of work.

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION desirable? Of course it's desirable. And what's more, Cleveland has made it inevitable.

MR. CLEVELAND, by a lamentable misfortune, is president of the United States. That fact alone entitles him to a respect which, when he descends to bandy words with the newspapers, he does not pay himself.

ONE of the pleasant features of local politics was disclosed last night when, after C. H. Van Storch had been named by his Republican colleagues for the presidency of the board of control, it was unanimously decided by the Democratic members to make no opposing nomination. This graceful compliment comes opportunely to a young Scrantonian who is faithful, untiring and uniformly affable in his official as well as his professional relations; and it is in all aspects one of those occurrences in political life that give one a higher respect for politics and politicians.

THAT FORM of literary criticism which consists of assaulting truthful reporters will be unpopular in Scranton before the latest instance of it has passed into history.

IF THE senate committee excuses Blount because he simply obeyed orders, what does it think of the man who gave those orders?

### THE MAY CONVENTION.

In Chairman Gilkeson's call for the Republican convention which will meet in Harrisburg on Wednesday, May 23, at 11 a. m., to nominate candidates respectively for governor, lieutenant governor, two congressmen-at-large, auditor general and secretary of internal affairs, attention is called to the rule adopted at the state convention of 1893 providing for the basis of representation, as follows: "Representation in future state conventions shall be based upon the vote cast at the presidential or gubernatorial election immediately preceding, one delegate being allotted to each legislative district for every 2,000 Republican votes and an additional delegate for a fraction exceeding 1,000 votes, each district to have at least one delegate."

Under this rule, each of Lackawanna's four districts is entitled to one delegate; Luzerne will send six delegates; Monroe one, Pike one, Susquehanna two, Wayne one and Wyoming one. Out of a total of two hundred and sixty-four delegates the strictly anti-Philadelphia will send eighteen, while Philadelphia will send sixty-three and Allegheny twenty-four. Combined, the Northern Pennsylvania group of counties sends only twenty-five delegates, not counting Schuylkill, which frequently acts in sympathy with its northern confreres.

Including Wayne county's delegate, selected yesterday, eighty-four delegates have already been chosen, and all are for General Hastings for governor. Susquehanna and Cambria counties will today choose two delegates each, and these will undoubtedly follow the popular trend, which is unanimous for the hero of the Conemaugh. In the lieutenant-governor contest, John B. Robinson, of Delaware, and Walter Lyon, of Pittsburgh, lead, with Secretary Thomas J. Stewart a good third. The situation with respect to the remaining positions is yet unsettled, but the convention already promises to be one of exceeding interest.

This is a Republican year. It is doubtful if Scrantonians yet sufficiently appreciate the Columbus monument. It's such a convenient thing to scratch a match on.

WHILE the Democratic party was entirely capable of defeating itself, Republicans did well to help the good cause along.

IT IS A NOVEL point which is involved in the threatened suit of Congressman Gardiner, of New Jersey, against Speaker Crisp, the clerk of the house and sergeant-at-arms, for illegal arrest. Mr. Gardiner had been present at every sitting of the house, but through an error was put on the list of absentees and dragged up before the bar of the house for sentence. If damages are awarded in this case, it will be another feather in the cap of Thomas B. Reed, under whose rules no such thing could happen.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is not ill. He only has that "tired feeling."

IT IS A pleasure to note that there is no likelihood of a contest in the Grover-Hancock election case.

### THE PATCHED TARIFF.

From what has thus far been made public respecting its action toward the Wilson bill, it appears that the senate has, in some particulars, justified the confidence which business men generally have had in its intelligence and fairness. In the form in which the Democratic tariff left the house it exposed to dangerous competition nearly every large northern industry, and threatened the depleted treasury with a further deficit estimated at seventy-five million dollars each year. The house called this statesmanship and Democratic members of that house, some of them from this state, are proudly circulating speeches denigrating of such doubly inefficient and harmful legislation.

While the senate committee has not thought it fit to afford any general protection to American industry, it has made at least one change which cannot fail to recommend itself to common sense. It has patched up a portion of the deficit by increased taxes on whiskey, wines and tobacco; and it has re-

stored a fraction of the duty on coal and iron ore. To be sure, a tax of one cent per pound is placed on one of the leading necessities of life, sugar, which the McKinley tariff made free; but even this kind of a tax is better than the awful spectacle of national bankruptcy, which the Wilson bill in its original form would bring near to every farseeing citizen.

The common sense of the American people will readily concede that if a Democratic tariff be unavoidable, it had better be a tariff that will produce requisite revenue than one which simply aggravates our national indebtedness. It would have been a thousand times more manly, consistent and respectable had the Democratic economists in the house emulated the senate's theory that a revenue tariff involves the collection of revenue, for then they would have ended all uncertainty in the matter and at the same time fulfilled the pledges of their party platform.

IT IS ENCOURAGING to realize, for the first time, that Lackawanna's court jurisdiction is at last completely divorced from any allegiance to mother Luzerne. The only court in which we're willing occasionally to let the old alliance stand is in the tribunal presided over by Judge Cuyler.

SEVERAL IMPROVEMENTS in the post-office service which were impossible in the old quarters will now follow the occupation of the new, but purchasers will still have to put up with the massiest quality of stamps ever issued by a great nation.

SENATE OR NO senate, it will never sit well with the American people to have one of their servants try to thrust an assassin's dirk into the vitals of a friendly foreign government.

## NOTED Just As Found.

Although treading perhaps upon taboos ground, I am constrained to express the opinion that the point advanced by the attorneys for the defendant in the Burr case was well taken when they raised objections to the action of one of the jurors who took notes of the testimony during the hearing. While having no particular interest in the case one way or another, it seems to me a dangerous precedent to allow one juror in a hearing of the kind to jot down such evidence as he sees fit for the purpose of placing it before the remaining five at their first deliberations of a case. It is not difficult to see that a juror thus fortified could hold the key to the situation every time. If written evidence is to be placed before a jury during their deliberations upon the merits of a case it should be full and complete, transcribed by a legal court stenographer, and not the rambling notes of one jurymen, who, by proper omission, could easily distort the appearance of any case in accordance with his own views.

The writer remembers witnessing a case that was tried before Justice J. B. McCollum some years ago, when a stenographic jurymen received a discouraging rebuff. As the case opened the first witness had scarcely commenced his story before one of the jurors produced a pad and pencil from his pocket and began taking notes in the most business like way. In a few moments the judge discovered the enterprising individual. A brief stay of proceedings was called, and the court quickly requested the jurymen to cease taking notes. The jurymen hastily put away his pad and pencil, and the trial proceeded. The jurymen, out of sight, as a smile went around the room, and was ever after contented to depend on his memory when serving on the jury.

If there is any one citizen of Scranton in honor of whom the public hat should be doffed, Officer Thomas Lowry at present seems to be entitled to the distinction. The nerving aim which brought down a desperate thug and prevented another Ellis case, stamps Officer Lowry as a proper guardian of the peace. The coolness displayed by Officer Lowry, who, when the bullets whistled about his ears, refrained from returning the fire of Burner for fear of hitting innocent persons in range, is worthy of the highest praise. Mayor Connell and Chief Simpson have just reason to be proud of the bravery of the Scranton police force.

I notice that Hon. James T. Du Bois, of Great Bend, has been obliged to already announce that he is not a congressional candidate, in order to head off the boom in his favor which was aroused by a personal reference to the talented editor which appeared in THE TRIBUNE a few days ago. The circumstance is one which may be noted with pleasure, as it not only evidences the popularity of the able Susquehanna county journalist, but also demonstrates the fact that a majority of the people of northeastern Pennsylvania are familiar with the contents of THE TRIBUNE each day, and appreciate its judgment in suggestions upon various topics of current interest.

Important, if True. Hudson Sentinel. Today the governor of Pennsylvania does not speak to Mr. Harbort, his secretary of state. This is a remarkable state of affairs. It is true as gospel. The truth must be blurted out by some of the organs before long, and an open rupture between Pattison and his cabinet is positive. It is due now.

Colonel McClure's Bold Confession. Philadelphia Times. The only one conspicuous result of the present congress thus far is an impressive lesson given to the American people that the Democratic party is unfit to govern the Republic.

His Greatest Claim to Fame. Washington Post. One of Von Bulow's good points was the manner in which he demonstrated that one can play a piano without wearing eccentricity.

He Would Make a Good One. Washington Post. It is now in order to list Galusha Grow with the logical presidential candidates.

An International Puzzle. New York Recorder. When peace comes how will Brazil know the difference?

Most Have Held a Needle. She knitted a tidy With consummate care And put it on sale As a little church fair. A pious young fellow Attended the fair, And purchased the tidy To put on his chair. He fixed it on smoothly, He did, on the chair, And early thereafter He learned how to swear. —Atlanta Journal.

Pennsylvania Objects. Washington Special to Fortnightly Journal. President Cleveland remained at the telephone until 1 o'clock Wednesday morning. At that hour word was received that Reilly's district would give a Republican majority of over 1,000 and little Billy Hines' district a Republican majority of nearly 1,200. He rang off in disgust and immediately wired Whitney: "Hold Nova Scotia coal syndicate matter in abeyance. Pennsylvania objects."

Out for Larger Game. Washington Post. Governor McKinley refuses to be tempted by the senatorship in hand. He prefers to daily with the president in the bush.

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